

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/732,482

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/28/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8, 10, 11, 14-21, 23, 24, 27-34, 36 and 37.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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Allowable Subject Matter

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Prior art taken alone or in combination failed to teach or suggest the limitations of:

Reason for allowance: Creating an authenticating (uniquely identifies) physical tag for goods that is traded. Where the physical tag is generated by third party and the physical tag is mailed to the seller, as recited in independent claims 1, 10, 14, 23, 27, and 36.

Prior Arts:

US 6,202,051 (Woolston) discloses a computerized market for goods with a dominant electronic "market maker" node to allow collectors to speculate on the collectable goods market, and an electronic agent interface for participants to search a plurality of consignment nodes to search for a used good or collectable item.

NPL:

Alan L. Eliason "Online Business Computer Applications", 2nd Edition, 1987 discloses online business transactions and transaction documents particularly packing slips for shipment which is packed with shipment to show what item(s) is (are) in the package in detail and a separate copy is mailed separately in shipping paper as a proof of shipment.

PR Newswire "David Akers Numismatics Inc. Introduces AkersCoin.com, Encompassing he First Electronic Rare Coin Catalog to Appear in Actual Catalog Format", PR Newswire, New York; Jul 9, 1999, pg 1 (Akers). Akers discloses an auction site and high quality images of coin and accurate description for auction site.

Each of the prior art taken alone or in combination failed to teach or suggest the above features recited in independent claims 1, 10, 14, 23, 27, and 36. Therefore, independent claims 1, 10, 14, 23, 27, and 36 and associated dependent claims 2-8, 11, 15-21, 24, 28-34 and 36 are allowed

Status of Claims:

claims 1-8, 10-11, 14-21, 23-24, 27-34, and 36 are allowed

claims 9, 12-13, 22, 25-26, 35, and 38-39 are canceled.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

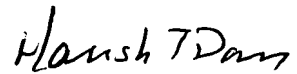
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Harish T. Dass whose telephone number is 571-272-6793. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM to 4:50 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James A. Kramer can be reached on 571-272-6783. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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